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“Bloods” Gang Member Sentenced in Robbery

--Defendant and two others robbed woman in Woodley Park --

WASHINGTON - Acting U.S. Attorney Channing Phillips announced today that on Thursday, June 25, 2009, a 22-year-old District of Columbia man, David Waters, was sentenced to 58 months in jail on charges of Robbery and Criminal Street Gang Affiliation by D.C. Superior Court Judge John M. Mott. The charges stem from a May 29, 2008, incident where Waters and two others beat and robbed a young woman walking home at around 1:00 a.m. along Connecticut Avenue in the Woodley Park area of Washington, D.C.

According to evidence introduced in Waters' March 2009 trial, after assaulting and robbing the victim, the defendant and his two accomplices fled towards Rock Creek Park. A U.S. Secret Service Sergeant, flagged down by the victim immediately following the robbery, spotted the three shortly after they fled. Coordinating with D.C. Metropolitan Police Department officers, the Sergeant stopped the culprits without incident. Shortly thereafter, the victim identified the three, who still had her purse and mobile phone in their possession.

The evidence also showed that Waters and his accomplices were members of a local sect of the “Bloods” gang, calling itself the “662 Boss Piru.” Members of this group, like Waters, marked themselves with distinctive tattoos and body markings and displayed gang colors. Other members of the gang have pled guilty to charges that include carjacking, kidnapping and sex offenses in U.S. District Court.

This is one of the first convictions under the District's law prohibiting offenses committed in association with, or for the benefit of, a criminal street gang, passed as part of the criminal reform act of July 2006.

In announcing the sentence, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips commended U.S. Secret Service Sargeant Mike Kuchinsky, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Detective Nelson Morais, Investigator Brian Bradol, and Officers Roberto Corchado, Everette Copeland and Keith Gilbert. Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips also thanked paralegal Kalisha Johnson-Clark, who prepared the case for trial, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Jonathan Hooks, who investigated, indicted and tried the case.

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